

THE GOVERNOR RETURNS TO-DAY

Will Attend Funeral of Congressman Otey.

WRIT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

It Will Probably Not Be Issued Before Early Next Week—News and Gossip from the Capitol and Library.

Governor Montague will return here this morning at 9:15 o'clock from Baltimore, where he has been since Sunday. It is likely that he will proceed at once to Lynchburg to attend the funeral of his late friend, Congressman Otey. The Governor will not discuss the matter of ordering a special election to fill the vacancy occasioned by Major Otey's death until after the funeral, which will take place on Friday.

His Excellency said this much over the loudspeaker yesterday, and added that he had no sympathy with the agitation of such questions while the dead was yet unburied.

If the Governor attends the funeral, as now seems likely, he will probably take the matter up shortly after his return from Lynchburg. He will doubtless be asked to fix an early date for the special election and to issue the writ early next week. Outside of this there are no matters of special importance in the Executive Department, save those which occur in the routine management of the office.

Secretary Frank P. Brent, of the State Board of Education, has received a letter from Dr. P. B. Barringer, chairman of the faculty of the University of Virginia, to be present at the educational rally there early in July.

The letter reads, in part, as follows: "The new Constitution gives the inestimable privilege of local taxation for educational purposes, and there is no plan perfected for putting this blessing into operation. We want a meeting of educators, the prominent business men of the State and counselors, who could devise a proper and harmonious scheme for working out the purposes of this Constitution. It will be a great opportunity. The teachers of the School of Methods will be here and official representatives of education from many sections. Promise us you will come and aid us in our efforts."

Captain W. W. Barrow, Assistant Adjutant-General, has returned from Lynchburg, where he presided at the election of officers for Company E, Seventeenth Regiment, on Monday.

While Captain Barrow did not care to discuss his trip for publication, it was learned on reliable authority that Capt. R. E. Craighead, formerly commander of the old Twenty-fourth, was chosen captain and that Zoung was a deadbeat lieutenant could not be elected.

The Virginia and Maryland Oyster Commission will meet at Old Point next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The members of the two States in an effort to familiarize themselves with the conditions, so as to report a better system of laws for oyster protection to the next Legislatures of their States. The party will cruise in one of the boats of the Virginia Pilot Association.

Mr. E. L. C. Scott, of the State Auditor's office, left for Norfolk yesterday afternoon to attend the meeting of the State Board of Fisheries in that city to-day.

Mr. H. M. Tyler, the Richmond member of the board, accompanied Mr. Scott. Mr. Keckell went down to Norfolk by boat and did not pass through this city.

One of the most active old Confederate veterans in the State is Mr. James Keenan, of Richmond. He came in and drew his pension yesterday. Although nearly eighty years of age, he is bright-eyed and active and is as straight as a young of sixteen.

Mr. W. A. Wilcox, agent of the United States Fish Commission, of Washington, D. C., was at the Library yesterday, gathering information in regard to the oyster industry of the State. Mr. Wilcox declined to say anything for publication.

Lieutenant-Governor Willard will be the orator at the commencement at Fork Union Academy on May 28. Great arrangements are in progress for the day.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Sergeant Hall Sick—Postponement of Sale of Delinquent Property.

Sergeant John P. Hall, of the Secret Service Department, is sick at home.

Captain J. B. Argie, of the Second District, is acting in Chief Howard's place for the longer time that the chief absence of the chief from the city this week.

The two Brooklyn boys, Joseph M. Leighton and Edward Hall, who are held here as runaways, left on the Old Dominion steamer last night at 7 o'clock for home. Tickets were sent them by their parents.

Commissioner Hawkins said yesterday afternoon that he had nothing to say in reference to the report that he contemplated making certain changes in his office.

"It is too soon to be making statements about anything along that line," he said.

The sale of property upon which taxes for last year are delinquent has been postponed until next Monday by Mr. T. C. Wafford, collector of Delinquent Taxes. This will give the other who have overlooked their bills ample opportunity to make arrangements.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Elks Meet To-Night—About Ben Adhem to Confer Degrees.

Richmond Lodge of Elks will meet to-night in regular session.

Aben Ben Adhem Lodge, I. O. O. F., will confer the second degree to-night at their lodge-room. Afterward a smoker will be enjoyed.

The first anniversary of Metropolitan Lodge No. 228, I. O. O. F., will be celebrated next Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall, on Twenty-fifth Street, between M and N. There will be music and refreshments and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

DAY IN THE POLICE COURT.

Woman Pleaded to Be Allowed to Go to Jail With Her Son.

Tearfully and pitifully a woman pleaded with Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court yesterday to be allowed to go to jail with her son. This being refused, she declared that she would stay outside until her boy was released. The boy was young Chester Atkinson, accused, with several others, of stealing merchandise from a store the other day. Mrs. Atkinson yesterday left court, weeping,

to get bond of \$100, fixed by the court for the appearance of her son on next Saturday, when the final hearing in this case will take place.

Margaret Jesse appeared in court against James G. Gentry, whom she accused of stealing her "burly" clove, and some other articles of value a few days ago. Margaret, who is an old-time "mammy," told the court that she had had her shroud ready for some ten years, and asked if she expected to have to go very soon, replied that she didn't know, but she wanted to be ready. The Gentry woman was sent to the city jail for thirty days.

A negro, Douglas Gentry, who was dragged from under a bed in the house of Mrs. John West, at No. 47 North Seventh Street, on Monday night, testified that he was drunk and had been so for many months. He didn't even know he was in the house, but says he must have gone there because he heard some shooting. He was sent away for ninety days in order to allow the whiskey to soak out of him.

Sam Page, accused of pawing some furniture bought on the installment plan, was discharged; Rose Shannon and Della Coles were fined \$2.50 each for swearing; Elizabeth Bass, disorderly, \$2.50; Martha Winston, \$2.50 for lying; John Powell, vagrant, discharged; J. W. McNamee, drunk, \$1, and Emma Foster, thief, discharged.

THE LARGEST DOCKET.

May Term of Law and Equity Court.

News of the City Hall. The May term of the Law and Equity Court will begin on Monday. At that time the cases to be heard during the term will be called and set. A larger number of cases than ever before are on the docket, numbering 230, against 183 last term.

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The suit of Mary Ann Burnett's administrator against Ketherland & Cuban is set for hearing in the Law and Equity Court to-day.

The plaintiff alleges that a mule owned by defendants was driven at a reckless rate of speed on November 18, 1901, near the corner of Clay and Laurel Streets, and that the party intestate was run into knocked down and injured, from the effects of which she died the next day.

The sum of \$10,000 damages is asked. A motion for judgment was filed in the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon in the suit of James G. White, substituted, against J. M. Thompson, for \$48.75. This is a case of contest.

The case of T. A. Weller, president of the defunct Prudential Banking and Trust Company, will be heard in the Hustings Court on the 27th of this month.

Sue Robinson was sent to jail for one day from the Hustings Court yesterday for assaulting Daniel Fauntleroy with an axe. In the testimony it was shown that the axe struck Sue on the forehead and in rebounding cut Daniel.

Eliza Gray was tried in the Hustings Court for cutting Lizzie Ross and given six months in jail and \$5 fine.

FARMERS TO SHOOT.

Second Annual Event of Ashland Club on June 10th.

The second annual farmers' shoot of the Ashland Gun Club on June 10th will bring together nearly all of the fine field shots in Eastern Virginia. Last year only those living in Hanover were eligible, and about one hundred and fifty were present, most of whom shot.

This year all farmers who deal in Richmond are eligible and this takes in nearly all the counties east of the mountains. The valuable prizes offered will cause many a gun to come out of the rack, to be shot at chips rocks and flying targets preparatory to entering this year's contest. The management is endeavoring to get up clubs from the counties to shoot in team races, which will certainly be entertaining.

A large number of shooters from the various gun clubs of the State will likely attend to enter the open events, which will follow the farmers' shoot.

Programmes, list of prizes and rules will be ready for distribution in a short while. Mr. Thomas H. Fox, secretary of the Ashland Gun Club, Ashland, Va., will mail the same on application.

LAUNCHING OF LANCASTER.

Boat Took to the Water Well—Christened by Little Miss Myers.

The launching of the tug Lancaster yesterday at the yards of the W. R. Trigg Company was a success in every way. A large crowd was present, and the boat glided off the ways in fine shape.

The ceremonies attending the launching were extremely simple. The boat was decked out in flags of different shapes and colors. The sponsor was little Miss Frances C. Myers, daughter of Mr. E. T. D. Myers, Jr.

Accompanying her were her maid of honor, about the same size as herself, and several children. The presence of the little girls was one of the most attractive features of the day. After the launching an informal lunch and reception was held.

The new boat is built for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Planted in the Square.

"Constitutional oaks," sent to the following persons by Congressman Maynard, have been planted in the Capitol Square: Governor Montague, Judge J. G. Dew, Col. John W. Richardson, Messrs. C. V. Meredith, J. Garland Pollard and C. A. Cole. Col. Richardson will be glad to plant any others that may be given him.

Free Dispensary Board.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Richmond Homeopathic Free Dispensary will be held at the Dispensary, No. 60 West Main Street, on to-morrow at 11:30 A. M.

Miss D. Scott is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Fleming, No. 100 North Fourth Street.

CLIMBED TO TOP.

Grape-Nuts Food Gave the Strength. It is a good thing to know of food that will add volume to one's strength, for the strong can do things and accomplish work in this world while the weak must stand aside.

A woman in Toronto writes: "I was in very poor health a long time, and got so weak and run down that I would often stop at the foot of the stairs and wonder how I could get to the top."

"I began using Grape-Nuts and in a very short time that weak, broken-down feeling entirely disappeared. I had formerly been forced to give up my breakfasts in order to give my stomach a rest, but when I got hold of Grape-Nuts I could eat breakfast for the food I needed to help digest other foods, and soon I began to gain in weight and strength."

I regularly use fruit and Grape-Nuts for breakfast, and can work harder and longer than I ever could before. Name given by Postum Company Battle Creek, Mich.

BAPTISTS OFF FOR ASHEVILLE

Many Will Attend the Great Southern Convention.

MR. TILLERY CHANGES FAITH

Methodist Minister to Be Immersed by

Rev. Joel T. Tucker—Great De-

mand in Virginia for Bibles.

Other Religious Notes.

Quite a number of the Virginia delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention left yesterday for Asheville. Dr. A. E. Dickinson and wife left in the afternoon, and the following were expected to leave at night: Dr. E. B. Bowers, of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. James Nelson, of the Woman's College; Dr. W. T. Derieux and wife, Mr. J. D. Crump and wife and others. Dr. W. E. Hatcher will leave to-day, and Dr. R. H. Pitt, of the Religious Herald, will go later.

The session of the convention promises to be a most interesting one. A letter has just been received here from the Rev. C. D. Daniel, who is at the head of the Baptist mission work in Cuba, stating that he will be present, and while there is no direct intimation to that effect, it is practically certain that Mr. Daniel comes to this country and to the convention in connection with the equable in Havana between Diaz and the Home Mission Board. He will represent the Board's side in the matter and will be on hand to give such information as may be called for. It is not generally thought that Diaz, on his part, carried off by the Board, and the Landmarks Baptists who are standing behind him in the controversy with the Board, started a movement to bring the Cuban to America, but it is hardly thought that the scheme is practicable.

The Rev. J. R. Tillery, late of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has decided to leave the ministry and the denomination. His wife, who is a native of this city, will become a member of the East-End Baptist Church, of this city. He will be baptized at the meeting of the Baltimore Conference in Roanoke. Mr. Tillery was charged with irregular conduct and was not given a charge. A committee was appointed to investigate the case and to report at the recent meeting of the conference, and while there was no trial, there was sufficient evidence of imprudence against Mr. Tillery to prevent his further continuance in the conference. For the past year or more he has been living in this city.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Orphanage of Virginia was held yesterday at the residence of Mr. John P. Branch, of this city. The chief action of the board was the election of the Rev. E. H. Rawlings, of Portsmouth, to succeed Dr. J. W. Bledsoe as chairman of the Board. Dr. Bledsoe has been elected superintendent of the orphanage and will remain in that position in this city. Two new trustees were elected as follows: Mr. Augustus Wright, of Falmouth, and Mr. J. McNamee, of Suffolk. The report of the treasurer and of the Executive Committee were received and accepted. All matters of detail, the appointment of teachers, applications and other things, were referred to the Executive Committee, except in the case of Mrs. Bledsoe, who was appointed matron, and Miss Rosa Shepherd one of the teachers. No new gifts were reported. It was decided to open the orphanage some time in July, at 8:30 o'clock on the 1st of that month, the members of the Board visited the orphanage and inspected the new buildings.

The Southside Female Institute at Burkeville, Va., of which the Rev. Mr. Criffin has for some years been the president, will be put up at public auction and sold during the present month. The school is heavily burdened with debt, \$4,000 of the amount being held by the bank at Burkeville. It is at the instance of the latter that the sale will be held.

In the forthcoming issue of the Christian Advocate John P. Branch has a letter on "The War Claim," concerning the payment of the Methodist Publishing House claim. Mr. Branch defends Mr. Stahlman, contending his fee was a just one, and that the money was charged by the Senators. He also contends his offer to give \$1,000 towards a sum to convey to the United States treasury the amount contested.

An interesting fact brought out in connection with the annual meeting of the Bible Society of Virginia Monday afternoon, is that there is in Virginia to-day a greater call for the Bible than ever before. Not only this society, but the others as well have sold and distributed more copies of the scriptures during the past twelve months than they have done at any time in their history. The portions of the State where up to this time the Bible has been little known or used are now being thoroughly covered. All the prisons of the State are receiving Bibles for the benefit of the inmates.

Steps were taken Monday night at a meeting of the Protestant-School-Union to have held at some time in the near future a great rally of all the Sunday-school children in the city of all denominations. The president of the union, the Rev. W. S. Campbell, was directed to confer with the presidents of the other Sunday-school organizations in the city in reference to the matter.

It was decided by the Union to have an annual picnic the next year at Buckle Beach on the 29th of June. A committee consisting of one representative from each school was appointed to make all necessary arrangements.

The night school in the Methodist Mission, Mr. Lewis Judkins, principal, closed its winter session Monday night. Prizes were awarded to the following children: Cora Cook, medal, from Lumsden and Son; Nora Gunn and Cora Sterling, books, from Bel and Co.; Charles Brecken, Joe Flannery, Arthur Gunn, and Harry Gunn, caps, from Burk and Company.

LIGHTNING'S FREAKS.

Damaged Church Steeples and Chimneys—Streets Washed, Sewers Flushed.

In the storm of Monday night the steeple of Broadus Memorial Church, at Thirty-second and Broad Streets, was struck and damaged to the extent of about \$50. Several residents in the vicinity of the church were slightly shocked.

The chimney of the house No. 219 East Broad Street was also shattered. Bricks and soot were driven into the rooms of the house, and considerable damage was done to carpets and furniture. The house is occupied by Mr. Charles C. Greer and his family.

Randolph Street Church steeple was struck and slightly damaged. Other than these casualties little damage was done by the storm. The streets were washed and the sewers were flushed. In some places small trees were blown over, but nothing serious happened.

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The James River Improvement Committee meets at 8 o'clock to-night, and a subcommittee of the Peer Committee at the almshouse at 4 o'clock to decide upon the necessary plumbing repairs to the colored almshouse.

The Grounds and Buildings Committee will meet to-day at 10 o'clock and unify condition of the City Hall will be looked into and other routine business transacted. The report of the subcommittee to the effect that the city continue to arrange at New Reservoir Park will be considered. Mr. Zimmer will report on the monthly payment of \$25, provided that he add two lumps to the equipment now used by him, will be considered. Mr. Zimmer, who owns the boats on the lake and the refreshment privileges, now pays the city \$12 per month. The report will state that the new refreshment refreshment and boat privileges will be sold to the highest bidder.

Mr. W. B. Hinchman, foreman for J. E. Phillips & Son, has announced himself as a candidate for City Plumbing Inspector.

SALES LADY PETITIONERS.

They Want Shorter Hours on Saturdays—Organized Labor Intercedes.

The Chamber of Trade and Labor Council, through its secretary, Mr. J. C. Lunsden, corresponding secretary, has sent a letter to the leading dry-goods merchants of this city, asking them to close their stores on Saturdays at 7 o'clock.

The letter is written because of an appeal made to the council by some young ladies who are employed in the stores, saying that their hours are so long on Saturdays that they are broken down and are kept up so late on Saturday and Sunday that they are unable to attend church on Sunday mornings.

The Board of Supervisors of Henrico county met yesterday, but transacted only routine business.

The case will be tried next Tuesday. Thieves played havoc with the chicken houses at the Chatsworth Dairy Farm, Monday night.

About 100 Plymouth Rocks were taken. Mr. R. B. Chaffin stated on a limit this morning. He found that the thief had disposed of some of the chickens to several merchants, and a description of him was secured. His arrest will follow.

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